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WISE COUNSELS.

(Prov. ii, iii, iv.)

MY son, if thou wilt receive my words,
And hide my commandments with thee;
So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom,
And apply thine heart to understanding;
Yea, if thou criest after knowledge,
And liftest up thy voice for understanding;
If thou seekest her as silver,
And searchest for her as for hid treasures;
Then shalt thou understand the fear of the
LORD,
And find the knowledge of God.
For the LORD giveth wisdom:
Out of his mouth cometh knowledge and
understanding.
He layeth up sound wisdom for the right-
eous:
He is a buckler to them that walk uprightly.
He keepeth the paths of judgment,
And preserveth the way of his saints.
Then shalt thou understand righteousness,
and judgment,
And equity, yea, every good path.

When wisdom entereth into thine heart,
And knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul ;
Discretion shall preserve thee,
Understanding shall keep thee :
To deliver thee from the way of the evil
man,
From the man that speaketh froward things ;
Who leave the paths of uprightness,
To walk in the ways of darkness ;
Who rejoice to do evil,
And delight in the frowardness of the
wicked ;
Whose ways are crooked,
And they froward in their paths :
To deliver thee from the strange woman,
Even from the stranger which flattereth
with her words ;
Which forsaketh the guide of her youth,
And forgetteth the covenant of her God.
For her house inclineth unto death,
And her paths unto the dead.
None that go unto her return again,
Neither take they hold of the paths of life.
That thou mayest walk in the way of good
men,
And keep the paths of the righteous.
For the upright shall dwell in the land,
And the perfect shall remain in it.

But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth,

And the transgressors shall be rooted out of it.

My son, forget not my law ;

But let thine heart keep my commandments :

For length of days, and long life,

And peace, shall they add to thee.

Let not mercy and truth forsake thee :

Bind them about thy neck ;

Write them upon the table of thine heart :

So shalt thou find favor and good understanding

In the sight of God and man.

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart ;

And lean not unto thine own understanding.

In all thy ways acknowledge him,

And he shall direct thy paths.

Be not wise in thine own eyes :

Fear the LORD, and depart from evil.

It shall be health to thy navel,

And marrow to thy bones.

Honor the LORD with thy substance,

And with the first-fruits of all thine increase:

So shall thy barns be filled with plenty,

And thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

My son, despise not the chastening of the
LORD;

Neither be weary of his correction :

For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth;

Even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

Happy is the man that findeth wisdom,

And the man that getteth understanding.

For the merchandise of it is better than the
merchandise of silver,

And the gain thereof than fine gold.

She is more precious than rubies :

And all the things thou canst desire are not
to be compared unto her.

Length of days is in her right hand ;

And in her left hand riches and honor.

Her ways are ways of pleasantness,

And all her paths are peace.

She is a tree of life to them that lay hold
upon her:

And happy is every one that retaineth her.

The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth;

By understanding hath he established the
heavens.

By his knowledge the depths are broken up,

And the clouds drop down the dew.

My son, let not them depart from thine eyes:

Keep sound wisdom and discretion :

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So shall they be life unto thy soul,
And grace to thy neck.
Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely,
And thy foot shall not stumble.

When thou liest down, thou shalt not be
afraid :

Yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep
shall be sweet.

Be not afraid of sudden fear,
Neither of the desolation of the wicked,
when it cometh.

For the LORD shall be thy confidence,
And shall keep thy foot from being taken.
Withhold not good from them to whom it
is due,

When it is in the power of thine hand to
do it.

Say not unto thy neighbor, "Go, and come
again,

"And to-morrow I will give;"

When thou hast it by thee.

Devise not evil against thy neighbor,

Seeing he dwelleth securely by thee.

Strive not with a man without cause,

If he have done thee no harm.

Envy thou not the oppressor,

And choose none of his ways.

For the froward is abomination to the LORD:

But his secret is with the righteous.

The curse of the LORD is in the house of the wicked:

But he blesseth the habitation of the just.

Surely he scorneth the scorers:

But he giveth grace unto the lowly.

The wise shall inherit glory:

But shame shall be the promotion of fools.

Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father,

And attend to know understanding.

For I give you good doctrine,

Forsake ye not my law.

For I was my father's son,

Tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother.

He taught me also, and said unto me,

"Let thine heart retain my words:

"Keep my commandments, and live."

Get wisdom, get understanding.

Forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth.

Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee:

Love her, and she shall keep thee.

Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom:

And with all thy getting get understanding.

Exalt her, and she shall promote thee:

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She shall bring thee to honor, when thou dost embrace her.

She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace:

A crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.

Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings:

And the years of thy life shall be many.

I have taught thee in the way of wisdom;

I have led thee in right paths.

When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened;

And when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble.

Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go:

Keep her; for she is thy life.

Enter not into the path of the wicked,

And go not in the way of evil men.

Avoid it, pass not by it,

Turn from it, and pass away.

For they sleep not, except they have done mischief;

And their sleep is taken away, unless they cause some to fall.

For they eat the bread of wickedness,

And drink the wine of violence.

But the path of the just is as the shining light,

That shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

The way of the wicked is as darkness:

They know not at what they stumble.

My son, attend to my words;

Incline thine ear unto my sayings.

Let them not depart from thine eyes;

Keep them in the midst of thine heart.

For they are life unto those that find them,

And health to all their flesh.

Keep thy heart with all diligence;

For out of it are the issues of life.

Put away from thee a froward mouth,

And perverse lips put far from thee.

Let thine eyes look right on,

And let thine eyelids look straight before thee.

Ponder the path of thy feet,

And let all thy ways be established.

Turn not to the right hand nor to the left:

Remove thy foot from evil.

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